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SPORTING.

Suggested Football Association.

A very enthusiastic meeting was held on Monday evening at the Y. M. C. A. under the presidency of Lieut. Mullins, to consider the advisability of inaugurating an Association Football League for Hongkong. Representatives were present from the Hongkong F.C., Naval Yard United, H.M.S. Tamar, R.A.M.C., The Buffs, Royal Engineers, Club Lusitania and the Y.M.C.A. In explaining the proposal the chairman said that at the present time there was already a shield competition and both the Services had a similar competition, and it had been suggested that a league would ensure greater interest in the game and that there would be better control over the players. The chairman then dealt with the difficulties of obtaining suitable playing grounds, the lateness in the season of the proposal, and in his opinion the thing was not feasible.

Mr. Glover, the secretary of the Naval Yard United, spoke of the many advantages of such a combination and considered that if a successful league cricket competition could be held at Hongkong there was no reason why a football league competition could not be held.

Mr. F. Browne thought that the strain on the players and clubs at present was so considerable that to put any further strain on them would be unfair. There were not sufficient players to take the place of those who may be indisposed in any way. He did not like the idea of players migrating to other clubs and considered that if a player belonged to a particular club they should do all they could to support that club. He further considered the registration of players an evil and he thought that it was a curious thing that with the amount of available space at Kowloon there was not a football club there.

Discussion ensued and on the proposition being put to the meeting the representatives of the Hongkong F.C. and the Buffs voted against it.

Mr. Glover of the Naval Yard United was elected secretary pro tem and a further meeting is to be called.

THE AMERICAN BASEBALLERS.

An American paper contains some particulars about the baseball team shortly to visit Hongkong and the Far East. Mike Fisher, who is in charge of the team, said: "At last I have completed my team. I signed on the last man to-day. He is a big leaguer. Pat Flaherty, who pitches for the Pittsburgh club, wrote me that he would be with me next month (November), and he completes my club. There have been several changes since I started to organize my team. Players came to me and asked for positions. I gave them to some, but things have happened since to prevent some of the players from making the long trip, which will take over three months, for we won't be back here much before the middle of February. My club as it now stands consists of: Ty Cobb of Detroit, Bill Burns of Washington, Pat Flaherty of Pittsburgh, Bill Sweeney of Boston, Jack Bliss of St. Louis, Jim Delahanty of Washington, Buck Freeman of Washington, Nick Williams of San Francisco, George Hildebrand of San Francisco, Joe Nelson of Sacramento, Brick Devereaux of Santa Cruz, Roy McArthur of San Francisco. This club ought to play some ball in the Orient this winter. You know all the games won't be easy to win. Manila has a league which contains some very good men. At any rate they say they will bet us that they will beat us, and perhaps they may. They will have a couple of tough pitchers to back. Burns and Flaherty are classy men. And as for hitters—Cobb, Delahanty, Sweeney, Nelson, Williams, and Freeman don't look bad."

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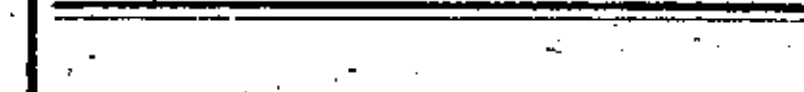
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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1908.

AN ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

LEAGUE.

In the meeting to consider the

formation of an Association Football

League, which took place on Monday

evening, does nothing else it shows that

interest in football is as keen in this

Colony as ever it was, and that whether

or not such a league is formed the

matches during the coming season will

be as exciting and interesting as former

years. The objects of the league were

discussed with considerable thorough-

ness, the advantages and difficulties

being brought fully before the meeting.

The Hongkong Football Club, through

their representative, Mr. Brown, was

practically the only club not in favour

of the suggestion, giving as their

reasons that it would entail greater

strain on the players, executive, and the

ever recurring difficulty of the inade-

quately come first in their con-

sideration, the Shield competition will

go to the wall and no one in the Colony;

much less sportsmen, would glory

in the Shield competition becoming

defunct through the Hongkong Foot-

ball Club being unable to see their

way clear to enter the league. No,

as the opinion was expressed at

the meeting, other clubs are anxious

that the Hongkong F. C. should be one

of the principal movers of the suggestion

and it is hoped that the committee may

yet see their way to reconsider their

decision and that an amicable arrange-

ment may be come to whereby the

Shield-competition can either be run

under the auspices of the league or

that they will be one of the clubs enter-

ing. Mr. Brown remarked that it was

somewhat strange that with the amount

of available ground at Kowloon there

was not a football club there and if one

examines into the membership of the

other clubs at Kowloon, it will be found

that a large number of their members

reside in Hongkong, and that being the

case, we would suggest that advantage

be taken of the available ground at

Kowloon by the clubs of Hongkong. No

doubt not only the Government would

come to their assistance by a grant of land

on similar lines to the Kowloon cricket

club, but we feel sure the Star Ferry Co.

would also assist by arranging special

fares for players and supporters of clubs

in the same way as the railway com-

panies, etc., do in England on such like

occasions. At any rate there is no

reason to believe that either would be

at all unreasonable in this respect.

With regard to the migrating of players

under League conditions it is a well

established fact that if a player desires

to join another club he is at liberty to

do so, but of course, in such a case he

ceases to be a playing member of the

club to which he first belonged, yet at

the same time this in no way prevents a

member of one club playing for another,

always providing he obtains the

necessary permission from his club and

the league. We confidently believe

that all these matters could be arranged

if all clubs combine to make the thing

a thorough working success.

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It is well known that the Chinese have

great fondness for historic displays,

and on such occasions as the present,

though there is a visible sadness in the

entire ritual, yet what has been and is

being done bears witness large upon it the

genius of the Chinese for such pageants.

Canton went into mourning on Thurs-

day, the twenty-sixth of the Chinese

month. The officials first of all went to

Wongwa Kun, and then to the temple

of the God of War. The former place

had on the previous day been cleaned

and white-washed throughout. It was

then divided into two portions. In the

first section a dais for the Emperor

had been erected on the top of which

was arranged an imitation of the Dragon

throne. All this was covered with

yellow satin. In front of the throne was

erected a table, and thereon were placed

the last edict of the Emperor, a censor

with incense, and the other requisites of

worship. Beside this the whole of the

walls and the inner side of the roof were

painted behind yellow tissue paper.

The floor was covered with a carpet,

the chamber being made to represent

as nearly as possible the throne-room of

the Emperor at Peking. The other

section had also been cleaned, and

though not so elaborately decorated as

that just described, showed evidence of

the deepest mourning. This part of

the hall was set apart for the use of the

officials, where they changed their

garments for those which must be worn

when actually engaged in the mourning

ceremonies. At six o'clock in the

morning, all of the city, both

civil and military, with hats that had

lost their tassels, and in blue robes,

went en masse to the robing room of

the Wongwa Kun, and there robed

themselves in the particular long coats

designed for the occasion, while each

was bound about the loins with a white

cloth. The military entered through one

door and the civil officials through an-

other, and when they stood before the

throne they took up their positions ac-

cordingly, further, their respective pos-

itions in their own class were allotted

them by an official familiar with the rigid

rules of etiquette. The Master of Assem-

blies having called for attention, all the

officials present flung themselves upon

the carpeted floor, and began

to wail. This wailing lasted for

about five minutes, and as the mourners

were many the sounds were loud,

weird and greatly prolonged. The

official in charge of the ceremonies next

ordered that all were to stand, and this

movement was followed by three bow-

ings to the ground. Every time each

official bowed his head to the ground

he touched the floor three times with

his forehead, the ceremony being just

the same as that arranged for the wor-

shipping of the Emperor on New Year's

morning, with the exception of the first

PROVISIONS OF NEW
EDUCATION BILL.DENOMINATIONAL MANAGERS
ABOLISHED.

Tests for Teachers Vary.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters,
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LONDON, November 23.

The new Education Bill, introduced into the House of Commons by Mr. Walter Runciman, M.P., President of the Board of Education, provides for religious teaching on the Cwper-Temple principle which may be replaced by denominational teaching in provided schools, two mornings a week, at the cost of the particular denomination desiring such teaching. The new bill abolishes denominational managers, while the tests for teachers vary. Grants are to be awarded to non-provided schools situated in single areas.

GERMANY'S DEFENCE.

SIR EDWARD GREY'S
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LONDON, November 23.

The *Norddeutsche* and the *Kölnische Zeitung* welcome the references by Sir Edward Grey, in connection with the debates in the Reichstag on the 20th inst., and the latter says:—"As we are quite ready to believe that the English assurances are primarily for defensive purposes in connection with their fleet, we hope similar recognition will be accorded to us."

(REUTERS SERVICE.)

AUSTRIA AND SERBIA.

LONDON, November 22.

Telegrams from Budapest report that Serbian troops fired across the Danube at Semendria, at some Austrian engineers who were measuring and surveying the ground.

RUSSIA.

LONDON, November 22.

The Tsar attended the funeral of the Grand Duke Alexis; this is the first time he has appeared in public in St. Petersburg for two years.

GERMANY.

LONDON, November 22.

The Kaiser attended the centenary of the Town Hall in Berlin, where instead of the usual temporisation His Majesty read a prepared speech handed to him by Prince Buelow.

THE FUNERAL OF THE GRAND
DUKE ALEXIS.

LONDON, November 22.

The Tsar and the Royal Family passed within a few yards of the spectators at the funeral of the Grand Duke Alexis, and nothing would have been easier than an outrage, as His Majesty's appearance had been pre-announced. It is hoped that this presages a resumption of normal conditions.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(FROM THE "TIMES OF CEYLON.")

THE ADEN HINTERLAND.

LONDON, November 6.

Reuter wires from Aden that the Mullah attacked the Mijirah tribe, killing thirty tribesmen and capturing fourteen thousand sheep and a quantity of ammunition.

MARINE INSURANCE AT LLOYD'S.

The underwriters on Lloyd's have approved unanimously the proposals of the Committee for strengthening their position. The underwriters of marine risks, from the beginning of 1908, will be required to produce an auditor's certificate showing that a sufficient sum is held by the trustees to meet all liabilities.

LIVERPOOL AUTUMN CUP.

The race for the Liverpool Autumn Cup was run this afternoon with the following result:

Mr G. LAWRENCE'S Dr. F. SANITARY, by Santos—Wedding Eve—1. Mr. W.M.G. STONE'S Dr. M. L.S. CRATHORNE, by Donov—Lady Lena—2. Mr. W.M.G. STONE'S Dr. M. L.S. CRATHORNE, by Donov—Lady Lena—3. Sixteen horses ran. The race was won by one length, with three-quarters of a length between second and third. The betting at the start was: 20 to 1 against Santos; 10 to 1 against Crathorne; 9 to 1 against Lady Lena.

SOMETHING FOR THE CHILDREN.

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MACAO AND ITS FUTURE.

(From an Occasional Correspondent.)

MACAO, November 23.

The Damoclean blade quivers fatefully over the future of Macao. In the appointment of a Governor equipped with unwonted powers and with a personality such as that of H. E. Senhor Rodas, the Home Government has, mayhap unwittingly, put the fortunes of the Colony to the touch, to win or lose it all: for failure, with our Governor, spells doom.

In the near future we should be hearing of rapid strides being made in the way of harbour improvements as His Excellency is intent on devising schemes for urgent remedial measures in the harbour and I have reason to know that earnest representations have been made to Lisbon thereon.

Nigh on three decades ago the gradual silt-up of the harbour and the roadstead had slowly but surely begun to divert merchantmen and ocean carriers from what should otherwise be a most important entrepôt, invaluable from a geographical standpoint. Expert followed expert, sent out at lengthy intervals to report upon the conditions of the place. In a case or two, copious reports were forwarded to the Home Government, only to be shelved by apathetic figureheads in a somnolent cabinet; in others, a superfluity of nostrums did little else than carve a way to fortune by complacent compromise, and thus have matters drifted, through a series of abortive attempts, from bad to worse.

That the ruling ministry has not failed the Colonies in their hopes, recent moves both here and at Timor have proved, and there is every ground for optimistic expectations with regard to all-round reforms. But, however favourable be the Cabinet's thorough grasp of prevailing conditions in the Far East is unthinkable without reliable enlightenment. Here it is where the shoe pinches at the present juncture, and the Colony has cause to bewail the failure of its member, Sr. Marques Pereira, to hit the nail on the head.

In good earnest and with lucid pen, he continues to write, *more*, advocating comprehensive measures of reform; but there are glaring discrepancies in the existing conditions in China which are only palliated by the fact of his having quitted Macao in the early sixties. It goes against the grain to inveigh against the deserving endeavours of the member for Macao, but the necessities of the times at stake call for a timely pressure on the brake, without indulging in censorious comment, to arrest the misleading trend of the self-assertive tenor of a few of his old-world facilities which are available to Macao as a distribution centre to neighbouring villages and outlying ports, and its final issue will exercise a profound and durable influence on the fate of the Colony.

On the occasion of an official visit paid a few days ago to the Chinese Hospital, H. E. the Governor addressing the native merchants of the Colony, showed a keen light on the seamy side of Macao's decline. His Excellency informed his hearers that a European Commission had been appointed to inquire into the causes which have played such havoc with the Colony's trade within the last five years and to probe into the why and wherefore of the general impasse all round.

The members of the Commission were just then engaged in elaborating schemes for the out-and-out reorganisation of the administrative system of the Colony. His Excellency laid stress on the fact that the Commerce of Macao was mainly in the hands of the Chinese, and voiced a hope that they would lend their undivided assistance to the co-operation dictated by crying needs. H. E. the Governor suggested lines of parallel action moulded to solve all the economic problems involved. To create a real and ever-increasing solidarity between European and Chinese interests would be a policy, by the way, which if pursued with unbroken continuity, might go a long way to safeguarding the Colony for her own profit as well as in the interests of her inhabitants.

Attentive and willing and approvingly welcomed His Excellency's words and initial steps were then and there voted with the view of furthering the object of the European Commission which is in vestigating the least available measures to cope with existing impediments to progress.

Great zest is now being displayed in divers branches, overhauling the decrepit working basis of this long neglected and luckless Colony and at a recent sitting of the Conference, over which H. E. the Governor presided, a gratifying progress was reported.

The cause of progress is advancing. When the Imperial railway network will have linked up with Macao, when at long last, existing evils will have been redressed, in short if all the plans of our new Governor can be brought into action Macao may confidently await an era of renewed commercial activity.

The vital point, however, hinges on the confirmation of the Customs Convention inserted in the Luso-Chinese treaty now pending ratification. However, the action of the Home Government would be sustained if ignorance or party-spirit be allowed to stand in the way of its whole-hearted support of the proposal of H. E. Senhor Rodas in whatever bears on the well-being of Macao; for, though a stranger to these parts, His Excellency has given ample evidence of a most discerning and equitable spirit and trustworthy local mentors are certainly not what he lacks.

Portugal is being represented at the coming Chinese Conference at Shanghai, by the following competent trio selected from among the leading officials of the Colony:—Captain Diogo de Sa, Harbour master, Sr. C. R. d'Assumpção, Chief Chinese translator, and Sr. Miranda Guedes, Director of Public Works.

The inhabitants were busy all yesterday over the biennial elections of the *Leal Senado* da Câmara and the Civic Fathers for the ensuing two years from the 1st January next, were as follows:—Dr. Luis Nolasco da Silva; Major Armando d'Oliveira; Messrs V. A. Gonsalves, D. J. Ribeiro, V. M. C. Maher and Lu Kwong Chan.

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CANTON PROPRIETOR
SUMMONED.

The case in which A. M. Thornhill, of the R. E. canteen, was charged with having retained liquor without a license was resumed before Mr. J. R. Wood at the Magistrate's day.

Serge Detective Appleton prosecuted, and Mr. Otto Kong Sing defended. Evidence was given by the No. 1 bar boy of the R. E. canteen who stated that a Chinese servant asked for liquor, saying that his master was a soldier. However, witness was dissatisfied, and refused to supply a chit, and asked for a bottle of whisky and a bottle of port. Witness again enquired if the servant's master was a soldier, and on being answered in the affirmative, he supplied him. Witness did not know all the soldiers' boys, and did not serve unless a chit was produced. His instructions were not to supply civilians.

The Magistrate—Have you had applications from civilians? Witness—Yes. How often?—About once a week. Did they come from Chinese or English?—Both.

How do they get in?—I don't know. Do Chinese civilians get in?—Boys: yes. Do they get in?—No. I'll start again; do you receive applications from Chinese civilians?—Only soldiers' servants.

Witness further replied that the civilians who made applications about once a week were Europeans, who came personally. The Magistrate—Then you do receive applications from civilians?—Yes. Witness added that if he received a chit asking for liquor, and there was no name thereon, he refused to supply it. On the day in question there was a name on the chit received, but he could not remember the name, as some new drafts had just come out.

The Magistrate—So on this occasion you supplied drinks to a man whose name you didn't know?—Yes. How often do you do that?—Mr. Otto Kong Sing thought the question was hardly fair.

Witness further stated that he relied on the word of a servant if he said his master was a soldier. The No. 2 bar boy deposed that they never received applications for liquor from civilians' servants. There were between 400 and 200 customers to the canteen throughout the day.

Serge Detective Appleton asked if when new drafts arrived a list of names was supplied for guidance. Witness replied that he did not know. Sergeant Major Bramfield, R.E., stated that he arrived in the Colony on the morning of the 7th inst. In the evening he went to the canteen and asked for a bottle of port wine, but was refused by the boy who he was identified as a new arrival.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing argued that if the canteen had been carried on in violation of the ordinance, it had been done most innocently. Nothing had been given out by defendant on his boys except in a bona fide and lawful way.

Addressing the defendant the Magistrate told him he wanted him to understand that in selling liquor at all without a license, as he had been selling it, was a breach of the local law, and any such sales after this date would be an offence. The fact that he now warned defendant would be quoted against him if any further proceedings were taken. Further, said Mr. Wood, I sound to him that in all cases where there was a liquor license, there should be kept a list of customers, so that if there were orders received the servant serving the liquor should have the list handy to refer to. His view was further, he did not see how it was to be enforced, that an account should be kept showing how much liquor was bought by these servants, in order to guard against the handing of liquor to outsiders. In this particular case, he would inflict a nominal fine of one dollar.

A discussion took place as to defendant's position consequent upon the decision, the Magistrate saying that if a canteen were run by defendant for the soldiers it became a club, but if he ran it for his own profit it became a licensed house.

Defendant—Then I can't sell there from today? The Magistrate—You are breaking the law if you do.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing—You can sell groceries and all that sort of thing, but you can't sell liquor.

CANTON NOTES.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

CANTON, November 23.

Hongkong St. Andrew's Ball will see few Canton folk this year as a "Fest Sober" on the Shamonee are giving a dance in the club theatre on the evening of St. Andrew's Day. The first practice dance took place before dinner on Saturday, and the next will take place on Saturday evening this week, from 6.30 to 7.30.

Billiards.

The first of the Club Billiard Handicap semi-finals was played off last night between Mr. Butler Wright and Mr. Griffiths. The game was 300 up and both gentlemen were 50 behind scratch. Right from the beginning Mr. Butler Wright was entirely off his usual form, and repeatedly missing shots that are generally easy with him, he made but a poor show. Mr. Griffiths settled down after the first hundred, and although by no means at his best, gradually but steadily drew away from his opponent and finished the game while Mr. Butler Wright was at 182.

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LICENSING PROSECUTIONS.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir,—How difficult it is to please everybody! Hitherto, the contention has been, "Why should not a man be able to get a bottle of beer with his tiffin in a Restaurant?" The good man prefers to patronise the Restaurant—It's a free country. So to meet his wishes the authorities considerably grant a license for this purpose at a greatly reduced fee. Now that the servants of certain Restaurants connive at or unwittingly set about breaking the easy conditions of this form of License the Government and Police are beleaguered. What do the critics want to bring us to? That proprietors are not to be held responsible for the action of their servants, that this adjudge license does not really meet a need though it was clamoured for? Surely the Restaurant is not for the "hungerless customer"—he has not reached his own place. That the Government is responsible for this error and that the Police are encouraging the licensee in "deliberately committing a fraud," surely this is the kind of objection that can only distort the vision of "a raw and shallow servant" of the public. Would this critic have us believe that the now up-to-date Restaurants in Hongkong are only capable of serving "a stale sandwich or a messy cake"? If so, may they be saved from their friends, and self-constituted champions!

COMMON SENSE.
HONGKONG, November 24.

CANTON AND NATIONAL
MOURNING.

Whilst officials and representative bodies in Canton are following the line laid down for national mourning as imposed by law, it would appear that among the masses are many who do not think that such things are necessary. It must be admitted that it would have been better policy to let the man in the street and in the shop follow their own devices in this matter; it would have conduced to more loyalty. Meanwhile, the 'Victory' has issued instructions that are very explicit. In public at any rate no one is allowed to wear anything red, in colour, and so the advertisement that many Chinese love to print into their quizes must be abandoned. Further, no gold must be seen; especially women are told that no gold must be worn in their ears during one hundred days. Then all the antithetical notices that the Chinese are so fond of attaching to their doorposts, must be changed to blue letters, as emblematic of the grief they feel. Of course these are only a part of the general instructions that have been issued, and the police have been ordered to see that they are carried out. Hence it appears there will be many opportunities for trouble. Indeed already it is reported that some persons have been arrested, and summoned and fined for not obeying the regulations. It is reported, further, that a bride was being taken to her new home in an ordinary sedan chair, when the time for mourning had only just begun, that the chair might be allowed to pass even if seen by the police. The chair, however, was seen and stopped, the usual allegations ensued, which ended in the police tearing the chair to pieces, and the poor half frightened maiden to her great distress was turned out into the street in all her bridal robes. Ultimately the bearers were able to secure an ordinary street chair, and the procession was resumed and went on to its destination. It must be acknowledged that such scenes as this, so unnecessary if the people were allowed a little latitude, only tend to fill the hearts of the sufferers and their friends with bitterness and rather than doing any good, must in the long run do a great deal of harm, for they generate hatred against foolish rules and those who make them.

THE BIRTHDAY HONOURS.

In addition to the names already published as having received additional honours on the King's Birthday, Ceylon papers print the following:—

Baronets.—Six Baronets are created, including Sir James Low, the ex-Lord Provost of Dundee; Sir George Christopher Dewar to His Majesty; Mr. Hatch, M.P.; Mr. Charles Shaw, M.P.; and Mr. John Barker, M.P.

Knights.—Twenty Knights are created, including Mr. James Dalziel, M.P.; Mr. Luke White, M.P.; Mr. James Duckworth, M.P.; the Sculptor Mr. Frankton; Surgeon Jonathan Hutchinson; Rear-Admiral Barclay Wilmet; Mr. John Bromley, of the Board of Education; and Mr. Law, Chief Judicial Commissioner of the Malay States.

Privy Counsellors.—There are four new Privy Counsellors, namely, Mr. Joseph Pless, M.P.; Mr. Herbert Samuel, M.P.; Sir Charles Madden, M.P.; and Sir Edward Clarke.

C.M.G.—The following to be C.M.G.'s: Hon Mr. F. C. Loos, Member of the Legislative Council of Ceylon; Mr. Currie, Manager of the Uganda Railway; and Mr. Boyle, Sub-Commissioner of the Eastern Province of Uganda.

Viscount Escher has been created a G.C.B. The following have been created K.C.S.I.s:—General J. H. Weddowson, Sir Courtenay Libbott, and Dr. Donald Macalister. Colonel Sir James Gilder has been created K.C.V.O.

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A boycott is reported in Tsingtau against the Harbour, remarks the *Shanghai Mercury*. The ostensible grievance is that the Harbour dues are excessive, but this is not believed to be the real explanation, as opposition has been shown to Cantonese compradors and stereotypes, etc. The real object of the boycott is believed to be a movement by the natives of Shantung against the natives of other provinces—Shantung for the Shantungese. There is practically no shipping at present between Tsingtau and Shanghai.

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Cargo inspecting the discharge or reloading on board after 4 P.M. the 20th inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Managers.

HONGKONG, November 18, 1908. 1571.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINK.

FROM NEW YORK.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship MATROPO, Captain DOMAN, having arrived from the above port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, the 24th inst., at 5 P.M.

No Claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Agents.

HONGKONG, November 14, 1908. 1618.

HONGKONG AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

Corrected to Thursday, November 19th, 1908. At 100 cents per 100 lbs. net weight.

Butcher Meat.

Table with columns: Item, Price. Lists various meat items like Beef, Mutton, and others with their respective prices.

Meat.

Table with columns: Item, Price. Lists various meat items like Pork, Chicken, and others with their respective prices.

Poultry.

Table with columns: Item, Price. Lists various poultry items like Chickens, Ducks, and others with their respective prices.

Sea Fish.

Table with columns: Item, Price. Lists various sea fish items like Salmon, Tuna, and others with their respective prices.

Meat.

Table with columns: Item, Price. Lists various meat items like Beef, Mutton, and others with their respective prices.

Fruits.

Table with columns: Item, Price. Lists various fruit items like Apples, Oranges, and others with their respective prices.

Vegetables, etc.

Table with columns: Item, Price. Lists various vegetable items like Potatoes, Cabbages, and others with their respective prices.

Sea Fish.

Table with columns: Item, Price. Lists various sea fish items like Salmon, Tuna, and others with their respective prices.

